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SENATOR RAIKES: So that even if the waiver would be accepted, there would still be a part of the...the...the rest of the amendment that would go into effect then?

SENATOR BROWN: Correct, correct.

SENATOR RAIKES: Okay. One...one other question. I'm referring to the study done by the Bureau of Business Research at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln. They looked at three options in that study, which they've cleverly labeled "Option 1", "Option 2", and "Option 3". Would you...which of these options does the...does the nonwaiver portion represent in your amendment?

SENATOR BROWN: The nonwaiver portion represents the fully centralized system, which is the system under the Bureau of Business Research study, is shown to be the most cost-effective,...

SENATOR RAIKES: So that would be Option 3.

SENATOR BROWN: ...fully...fully centralized.

SENATOR RAIKES: Option 3. In that...that option, actually, not only meets all the federal requirements, but, as I understand from looking at the study, would go beyond the requirements of the federal regulations. Is that correct?

SENATOR BROWN: Well, no, it doesn't really go beyond. It is...it is just what...it is what the federal law anticipates, unless you can prove otherwise, unless you can prove cost-effective this otherwise.

SENATOR RAIKES: Okay. Well, I assume that you selected that option, because I'm looking at just the...the summary here of the study. And I think they have cost per...it's not cost per transaction, it's cost estimate per case, I think, possibly. And that one shows the lowest cost of the three options.

SENATOR BROWN: Correct. When...when...when I was talking...when I spoke earlier about Senator Kerrey's involvement, one of the things that...that Senator Kerrey, not